

ROLLING STOCK BUILDERS - G R TURNER Ltd.

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Many thanks to **Steve Netten** and **Joe Dooley** for stamp details for dies illustrated in the original article (B344, pages 24-26). All has been added to the master sheets in readiness for publication of the 'Railway Perfin of Great Britain'. I hope to have this ready sometime next year.

Tony Swales has also added to our knowledge by providing details for G R Turner Ltd, Langley Mill. Tony's source was 'Whitaker's Red Book of Commerce' (or Who's Who in Business) for 1910.

G. R. Turner Ltd were manufacturers of Railway Rolling Stock, and Colliery Engineers, based in Langley Mill, (near Heanor, Derbyshire). They held patents for doors on hopper wagons, but their speciality was steel-framed bogie stock. The firm was established in c1869 by George Reynolds Turner, and incorporated as a limited company in 1902. They also had extensive wagon repair depots all over the country. The 1881 census records George R Turner, aged 55, Railway Waggon (sic) Builder, born at sea!

G. R. Turner Ltd, Railway Wagon Builders, Langley Mill.



"GRT" was a Sloper die (head configuration unknown) that would have been destroyed in the "Blitz" in May 1941, and replaced by the single-letter "T". Fourteen customers of Sloper used this latter perfin, so Langley Mill/Nottingham postmarks are crucial for loose stamps.

Again, can you please help by reporting stamp issue/denomination and postmark details of your holdings of these dies?